Location of milk and milk products units

4398. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals pending for location of milk and milk products units;

(b) what are the details thereof state-wise;

(c) how old they are and at what state of consideration they are; and

(d) what are the reasons for undue delay in finalising the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Receipt of proposal from different co-operative milk unions and federations for financing various facilities etc. and their consideration with reference to the criteria for funding stipulated by the donar agencies (World Bank/EEC) is continuous process. Hence there are proposals at various stages of consideration. State wise and plant wise status of proposal for financing under Operation food is annexed (*See* Appendix CL XVIII, Annexure No. 58)

Contract given to M/s. Sikari and company

4399. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions on which the contract was given to M/s. Sikari and Company to plead the cases on behalf of ICAR in the various courts/ CAT;

(b) the total amount which has been paid to aforesaid firm during last three years till date with year-wise break up;

(c) whether the firm is taking un-necessary adjournments in cases of scientists currently being heard in the CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi on flimsy grounds to harass the employees; and

(d) whether the Government will direct ICAR to instruct the said firm not to indulge in dilatory tacts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRCULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. M/s. Sikari and Co., Advocates have not been awarded any contract by the ICAR to plead its cases in the various Courts/ CAT. The I.C.A.R. being a Society is equated with Public Sector undertaking by the Ministry of Law for the purposes of advice and litigation. Accordingly, on the suggestion of the Ministry of Law the Society have prepared a panel of its own advocates and M/s. Sikari and Co. is one of them. The engagement of M/s. Sikari and Co., Advocates is decided on cases to case basis on payment authority in I.C.A.R.

(b) the amount paid by ICAR during the last three years is as under:—

1990 :	Rs. 37,535/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five only)
1991 :	Rs. 67,503/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Three only).
1992 :	Rs. 41,284/- (Rupees Forty One Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Four only).
1993 : till date	Rs. 59,205/- (Rupees Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Five only).